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Applicants: Kelly J. Henrickson and Jiang Fan
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Filed: January 18, 2000
For: VIRUS ASSAY METHOD
Group Art Unit: 1656
Examiner: J. Siew

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the September 19, 2000 Office Action and in the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants respectfully request the following remarks be entered.

Remarks

The Examiner has asked for an election to ten nucleotide sequences. Applicants choose SEQ ID NOS:1-9 and indicate that claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33 do not claim SEQ ID NOS beyond SEQ ID NOS:1-9 and their inverse complements. Applicants are uncertain as to whether claims that introduce extra genes into the method claim, such as claim 3, without

introducing new SEQ ID NOs. would exceed the Examiner's
"ten sequence requirement." If this is the case,
Applicants still elect claims drawn to SEQ ID NOs:1-9 and
inverse complements.

Respectfully submitted,

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